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In the Claims:

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14. (canceled)
15. (currently amended) An orthodontic appliance for shipment to a user including a metal appliance body having a buccal/labial archwire receiving side and a lingual side, and ~~an optically clear~~ a light-permeable, heat or ~~light-curable~~ light-cured polymer resin bonding base molded onto the lingual side of the body such that at least a part of the body is embedded in the base so that the base includes a peripheral lip overlapping a part of the appliance body.

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16. (currently amended) The orthodontic appliance of Claim 15, wherein the polymer resin base is acrylic, epoxy or ~~epoxy/acrylic~~ acrylic-based epoxy.

17. (original) The orthodontic appliance of Claim 15, wherein the appliance is a bracket or a tube.

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

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21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A method of making an orthodontic appliance for shipment to a user including a body of metal, ~~ceramic or plastic~~ having a buccal/labial archwire receiving side and a lingual side, and a polymer resin bonding base molded onto the lingual side of the body such that at least part of the body is embedded in the base, wherein the base is molded to the body ~~with or without one or more openings extending therethrough for receiving an arm of an auxiliary appliance or a secondary archwire~~, said method comprising the step of:

making an orthodontic appliance body of ceramic, metal, or plastic of one size such that when a bondable polymer resin base is molded to the lingual side of the body so that the base includes a peripheral lip overlapping a part of the appliance body, a bondable orthodontic appliance is produced for bonding to a tooth, said body having an archwire receiving side and a lingual side on which the base is molded, and

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molding a light-curable or heat-curable polymer resin bonding base to the lingual side of the body such that the lingual side is at least partially embedded in the base, ~~wherein said base is molded with or without at least one or more openings extending therethrough for receiving an anchoring arm of an auxiliary or a secondary archwire for applying a predetermined force to a tooth on which the appliance is mounted.~~